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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 20, for which a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on July 20, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a one month extension of time, setting the deadline to August 20, 2002. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Please enter the following remarks.

Election of Group for Examination

Claims 8-14 and 18-20 are pending in this application, and subject to a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC § 121 between claims in three groups.

Group I (claims 8-12) is hereby elected for examination on the merits.

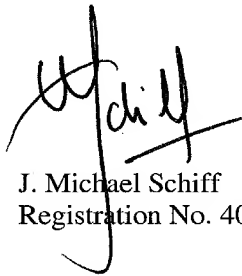
This election is made without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the application proceed to examination on the merits.

In the event the Examiner determines that an interview would facilitate prosecution of this application, she is invited to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number indicated below.

Should the Patent Office determine that an extension of time or any other relief is required for further consideration of this application, applicant hereby petitions for such relief, and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and other fees due in connection with the filing of these papers to Deposit Account No. 07-1139, referencing the docket number indicated above.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Michael Schiff", is written over a horizontal line.

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